

# Child Nutrition Weekly Update



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## Direct Certification Manual Search and Merge

The Manual Search and Merge instructions are attached in the Direct Certification Version 2.0 Users Guide beginning on page 12. All LEAs and Charters are encouraged to use this feature. If you should have additional questions, please contact your regional consultant.

 = **dcv user guide**

## Vacancy Announcement – Cumberland County CN Supervisor

Please review the attached position description/vacancy announcement for details about a Child Nutrition Supervisor position for Cumberland County Schools. The vacancy announcement is also located on the Cumberland County Schools website at: <http://www.hr.ccs.k12.nc.us/>.

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## Vacancy Announcement – Craven County CN Supervisor

Please review the attached position description/vacancy announcement for details about the Child Nutrition Supervisor position for Craven County Schools. Questions related to this position should be emailed to Gretchen Wilson, Director of Child Nutrition Services at [gretchen.wilson@craven.k12.nc.us](mailto:gretchen.wilson@craven.k12.nc.us).

## What's New on the Web?

- **Nutrition Standards page revision**

**URL:** <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/news-events/school-meal-nutrition-standards>

The NC Child Nutrition new Nutrition Standards web page has been revised to include links to USDA websites, regulation and guidance documents and training PowerPoints related to the new Nutrition Standards all in one location.

- **Cottage Meals Production Record**

**URL:** <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/menu-planning-production/menu-planning-production/meal-production-records>

- **HACCP Frequently Asked Questions Revised**

**URL:** <http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/haccp-food-safety/haccp-food-safety/commercial-kitchen>

## Weekly Q&A – Reduced Price Breakfast Funds

### QUESTION

Will funds be available for the Reduced Price Breakfast program during the 2012-13 SY?

### ANSWER

Yes, the same amount of funding is available statewide. The state will be allocating \$2,017,761 to all SFAs that qualify and serve breakfast. The amount of reimbursement for each breakfast served remains the same \$.30. The final allocation per SFA is being finalized and will be provided in a future communication.

It is important to understand that the amount of funding will be different for each SFA this school year. While the statewide amount remained the same, the individual allocations are based on the number of students approved for reduced price meals. Some SFAs may see an increase in the allocation and others a decrease.

The breakfast is to be served at no cost to the reduced price student beginning the first day of school.

## Weekly Q&A – Smoothies and the New Meal Pattern

### QUESTION

Will we still be able to offer smoothies with lunch and breakfast with the New Meal Pattern?

## ANSWER

Milk and fruit can be credited in smoothies to meet the meal pattern; however vegetables cannot be credited in smoothies. Grains and meat/meat alternate (including yogurt) may not be credited when served as a beverage. Grains such as oatmeal and meat/meat alternates such as peanut butter and yogurt can be added to the smoothies to improve flavor and consistency. However, they will not contribute to the meal pattern but must be included in the weekly minimum and maximum range tabulation when offered in greater than or equal to .25 oz. equivalents.

Smoothies do not have to contain the full cup of fluid milk and full fruit requirement. Menu planners must always make certain that all components are offered in the required quantities to meet the meal pattern. The type of milk in the smoothie must be consistent with the CN Program guidance for the types of fluid milk which includes unflavored 1 percent and flavored and unflavored fat free milk.

The volume of the pureed fruit included in the smoothie can be counted as juice toward the daily and weekly fruit requirements. Menu Planners must limit the amount of juice offered to children to half of the weekly fruit offering in school meals. When smoothies are offered on the serving line in the school meals program, the fluid milk component must also be offered in the serving line in the required quantity to meet the meal pattern requirements.

Schools serving smoothies should inform students about the components by listing the smoothie as a fruit and milk smoothie on the serving line.

Commercially prepared smoothies may only credit toward the fruit component. Prepackaged smoothies do not comply with the Food and Drug Administration standard of identity for milk and **do not** meet the CN program requirements for "fluid milk."

For additional information for Smoothies in the CN Program review SP36-2012 (attached), Smoothies Offered in the Child Nutrition Programs.

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## Training, Webinars, Workshops

Training/Workshop Title:	<b>Procurement Basics</b>
Date, Location, Time:	August 2, 2012 at McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC (9:00 – 2:30 pm)
Instructor(s):	Cindy Hobbs, Child Nutrition Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Training/Workshop Description:	It is intended to help participants understand the regulatory requirements and the basics of conducting an open and fair competitive procurement.

Who Should Attend:	The training is designed to help personnel that are responsible for local Child Nutrition procurement activities and decisions.
Number of seats/openings:	40 spaces per site
Registration Information:	<p><b>Please complete the electronic registration form by going to the link below:</b></p> <p><a href="https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&amp;programAreaId=54369&amp;showInternal=true">https://onece.ncsu.edu/search/publicCourseSearch.do?method=searchPAOnly&amp;programAreaId=54369&amp;showInternal=true</a></p>

## Mark Your Calendar

August 10 (Friday) ..... Monthly Claim for Reimbursement due  
 September 10 (Monday) ..... Monthly Claim for Reimbursement Due  
 \*\*September 15 (Saturday) ..... Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Due

### Training

August 2 ..... Procurement Basics Workshop (Raleigh, NC)  
 August 7 ..... (webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part I  
 August 8 .....(webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part II  
 August 14.....(webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part I  
 August 15.....(webinar by invitation only) Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program Training – Part II

**\*\* REMEMBER** – Anytime the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend the actual due date for the claim for reimbursement is the next business day which is usually Monday. In the event that the following Monday is a holiday then the due date moves to the next business day. With that said, the CN Technology system is programmed to flag any reimbursement submitted after the 10<sup>th</sup> with the “10 day” error message (Error Code 1401). The NCDPI Child Nutrition section and the Claims section are fully aware of this and the Claims department will automatically override that error message for any claims submitted in this time period. **NOTE:** This also applies to the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for which the claim for reimbursement is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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